

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-II-346
District 1
Map 72
Parcel 10
MAGI # 2209085335

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Kef - Poff Farm

*included in Antietam Battle Ground
NE listing*

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Mansfield Road

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF

Sharpsburg Vicinity

6

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Millard D. Kefauver

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

Keedysville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21756

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: **249**

Folio #: **277**

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This stone farmhouse is a two and a half story, five bay building with a one and a half stone wing built over a spring. It appears to be part of the original construction. The main house faces south with the back extension placed at right angles to it.

Attached to the west end wall is a late 19th century two story brick addition.

The main house is constructed of coursed local limestone with flat arches of angle cut chiseled stones above the openings. Windows are placed at regular intervals in the front and east end walls and have massive framing with ovolo trim. Original sashes have been replaced with two over two pane sashes.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. A four panel Victorian door has replaced the original. A small one bay entrance porch is present which also seems to be a replacement.

Large stone chimneys with corbels at their tops are located inside the end walls.

An opening into the cellar in the east end wall has a two part "Dutch" door on long st hinges. Inside, the cellar ceiling was insulated with massive puncheon logs or planks upon which rested stones and mortar.

Northwest of the house is a large stone bank barn and related sheds and outbuildings. In front of the house is a deteriorated log outbuilding.

Numerous limestone fences border the farm lanes and fields on the property.

The house is said to have been built between 1802 and 1804. Architectural evidence observed would tend to support that date.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES **1802 - 1804**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This farm complex is significant as an excellent example of Ca. 1800 stone construction indigenous to the Cumberland Valley. The group is a complete farmstead and represents an important architectural genre.

This farm is adjacent to the Civil War Battlefield of Antietam and heavy fighting took place not far to the south. Most recent research indicates that the portion of the house where the spring is was the room used by Clara Barton, Nurse, who came to Antietam just after the Battle.

During the late 18th century, this property was owned by John Miller whose will was probated December 17, 1794. His lands were left to his many children equally and it is not known from information available at present exactly who resided upon this portion of the real estate. In 1821, John Miller's heirs sold this part of the property to Abraham Miller, perhaps because he had been living on the land and had built the improvements. (Will Book A/318, FF/446). In 1854 the property was acquired by Jacob Poffenberger who sold it the following year to Henry Poffenberger. Briefly between 1862 and 1868 it was owned by Samuel Doub who sold it to Samuel Poffenberger. It has remained in the Poffenberger family since. The farm includes parts of the land grants, "Resurvey on Ellwicks Dwelling," "Smith's Purchase," and "Joe's Farm."

See also deeds, IN8/612, IN8/613, IN10/321, IN16/148, LBN2/705.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 155 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Preservation Associates

DATE

July 1978

STREET & NUMBER

109 West Main Street, Box 202

TELEPHONE

301-432-5466

CITY OR TOWN

Sharpsburg

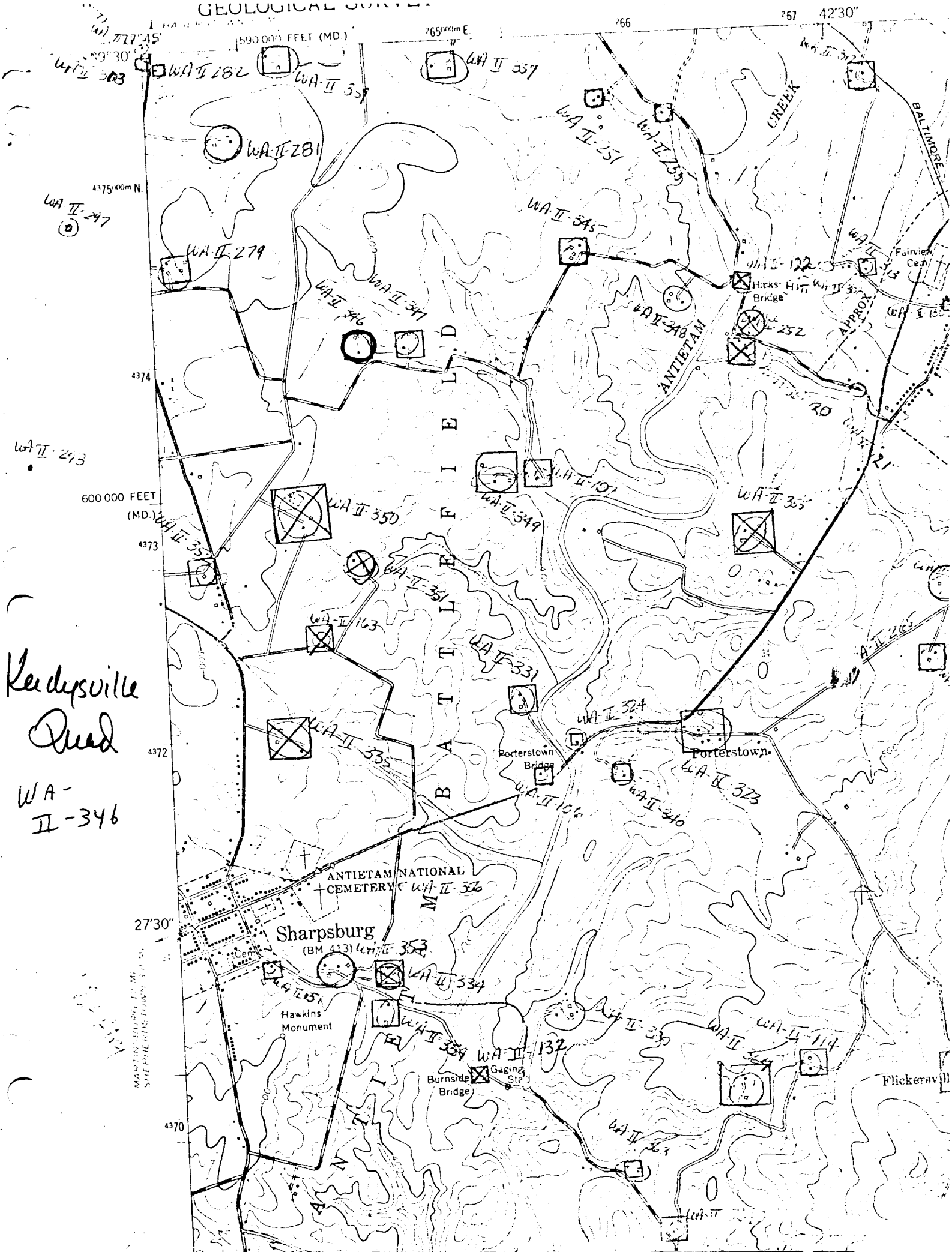
STATE

Maryland 21784

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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Map of Poff Farm

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